



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

In re Patent Application of

Atty Dkt. 30-543

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LAINE et al

Group Art Unit: 1731

Serial No. 09/787,629

Examiner: Alvo

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE THICKENING OF FIBER SUSPENSIONS

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

☒ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**

☐ **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated _____ of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting claims _____ (\$ 330.00) \$

☒ An appeal **BRIEF** is attached in triplicate in the pending appeal of the above-identified application (\$ 330.00) \$ 330.00

☐ Credit for fees paid in prior appeal without decision on merits -\$ ()

☐ A reply brief is attached in triplicate under Rule 193(b) (no fee)

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